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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING NEAR ZAMBOANGA CITY

1. GOP ANNOUNCED AUGUST 26 THAT JAPANESE NATIONAL (MRS. YOKO SEKI) HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED MONDAY, AUGUST 25, FROM BEACH ON SANTA CRUZ ISLAND, ABOUT 10 MINUTES FROM ZAMBOANGA CITY. SHE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HUSBAND, WHO FORCED TO STAND BY AS SEVEN ALLEGED MEMBERS OF THE MNLF'S MILITARY ARM (BANGSA MORO ARMY) SEIZED HER. HER KIDNAPPERS SUBSEQUENTLY DEMANDED 200,000 PESOS RANSOM TO BE DELIVERED WITHIN 12 HOURS. DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT OF RANSOM HAS PASSED BUT AP REPORTS MAYOR OF ZAMBOANGA SAID KIDNAP VICTIM WAS SEEN ALIVE TUESDAY (AUGUST 26) AFTERNOON.

2. MRS. SEKI IS THE 4TH FOREIGNER KIDNAPPED BY "PRESUMED" MUSLIM DISSIDENTS IN AUGUST. PHIL MILITARY AUTHORITIES MAINTAIN MOTIVATION FOR KIDNAPPING IS LACK OF FUNDS. DISSIDENTS NEED RANSOM TO BUY ARMS AND AMMUNITION. IN THREE OTHER CASES THIS MONTH, HOWEVER, NO RANSOM WAS PAID. AP REPORTS JAPANESE EMBASSY CLAIMS IT HAS BEEN ASSURED BY GOP THAT IT WILL PAY RANSOM TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF MRS. SEKI.

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3. DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM HAS REPORTEDLY TOLD TOURIST AGENTS TO STOP SENDING TOURISTS TO ZAMBOANGA UNTIL FURTHER

NOTICE. JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO ADVISED ITS NATIONALS
NOT TO TRAVEL TO MINDANAO.

COMMENT: LATEST KIDNAPPING INCIDENT IN MINDANAO IS
PROFOUNDLY EMBARRASSING TO GOP, WICH FOR LAST FEW DAYS HAS
BEEN BALLYHOOING RETURN OF MUSLIM DISSIDENTS TO GOVERNMENT
FOLD AND PROCLAIMING RESTORATION OF PEACE AND ORDER IN THE
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